Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, A constant supply of blood is necessary for communities to meet the needs of their immediate area; and,

Whereas, Blood must be readily available in the event of a medical crisis or man-made or natural disaster; and,

Whereas, Eligible blood donors can have a significant lifesaving impact because each pint of donated blood may help to save up to three lives; and,

Whereas, Every two seconds someone in America needs blood, and United Blood Services must collect enough blood each day to meet the needs of area hospitals; and,

Whereas, National Guard and military personnel are loyal donors, many of whom are now deployed and unavailable for donations, so we ask civilians to step up to replace the blood normally donated by these soldiers; and,

Whereas, South Dakota residents are encouraged to donate blood in honor of veteran's who have served or are serving in the armed-forces; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2005 as

HONOR A HERO – BE A HERO MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State